

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY  
Singh Shri Bhola

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to modernize Dr. Rajendra Prasad Agriculture University, Pusa in Bihar to expedite the agricultural research work;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether researchers have to face difficulties in doing advance research work due to lack of various technologies in the university;
- (d) if so, the remedial action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the total number of vacancies of researchers in the university at present and the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacancies?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Based on the report of the Special Task Force constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.C. Jha, the Planning commission conveyed its 'in principle' approval for establishment of a new Central Agricultural University (CAU) at Pusa in Bihar. In pursuance of that, a proposal was received from the Government of Bihar for conversion of the Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Bihar into a CAU.
- (c) There is lack of ultramodern laboratory facilities in the University. Some of the laboratories are under modernization. However, most of the laboratories need modernization in order to develop technologies to meet future challenges. The Scientists working in different fields also require advance trainings and exposure to modern laboratories.
- (d) The ICAR provides development grants to the University every year under its Plan scheme, 'Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India'. From this grant laboratories of different constituent colleges and post-graduate department are modernized to do advance research in the field of agriculture and allied sciences.
- (e) 588 sanctioned posts of scientists/teachers exist in the University. Out of this, 298 posts are lying vacant. Some posts have already been advertised and are under the process of recruitment. For others, the proposal for clearance of roster has been submitted to the Government of Bihar. As soon as roster is cleared by the Government, further recruitment action will follow.